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The Imaging Evidences: Time-related Differences in Restenosis

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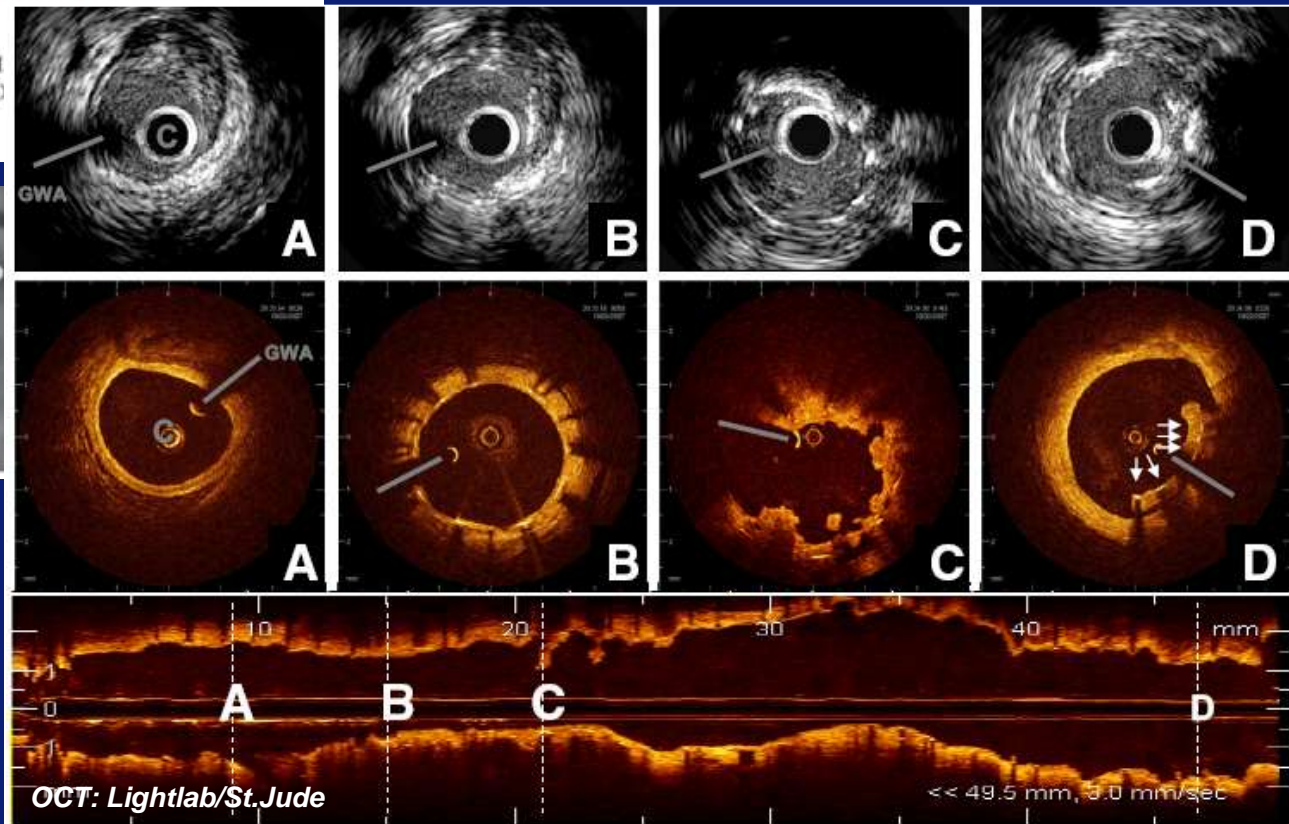
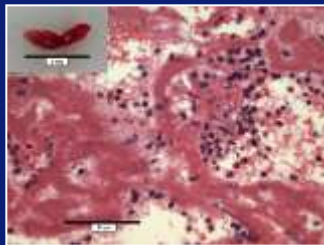
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IMAGES IN INTERVENTION

Optical Coherence Tomography Findings in Very Late (4 Years) Paclitaxel-Eluting Stent Thrombosis

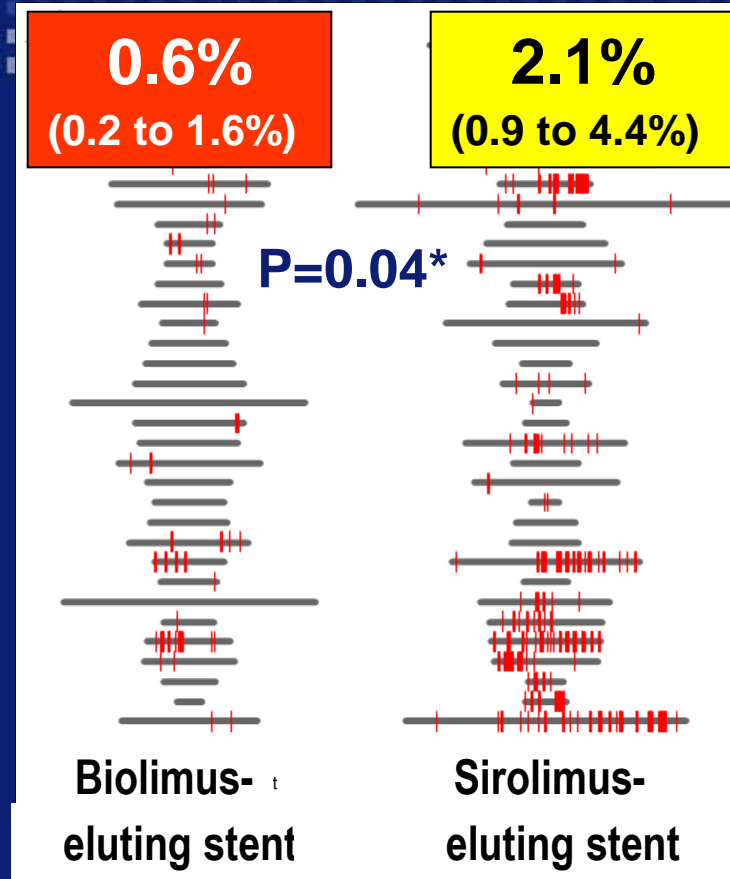
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**Low incidence !
at 9m FUP**

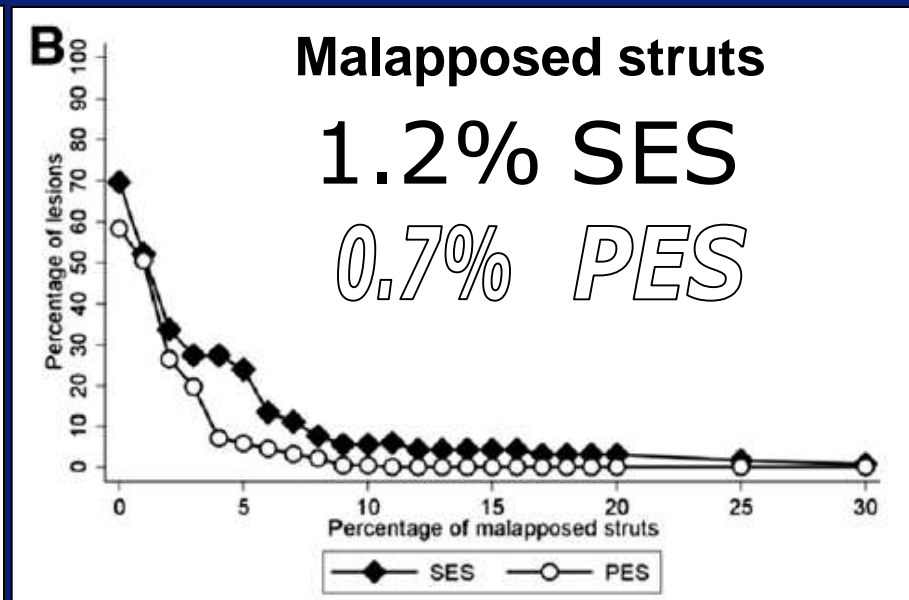
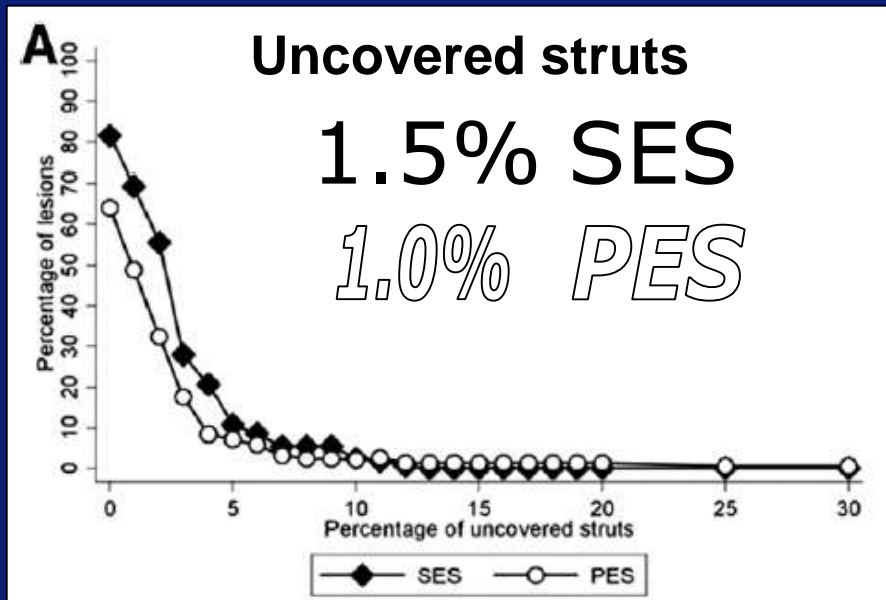


LEADERS Trial

Limus *E*luted from *A* *D*urable versus *E*Rodable *S*tent Coating
Graphical representation of stent coverage in lesions

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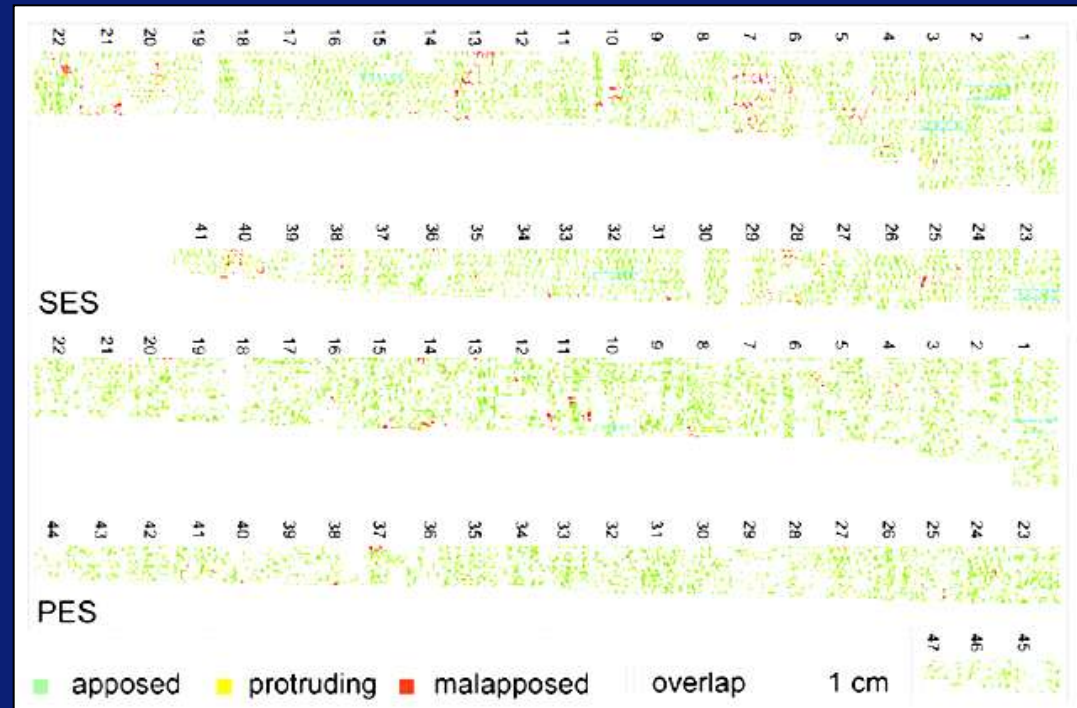
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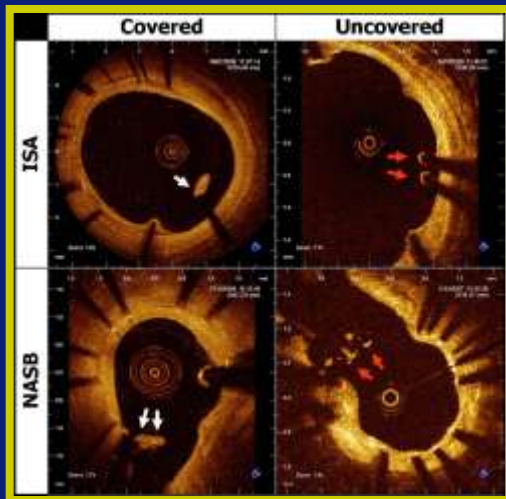
Low incidence !
Clustering in few patients



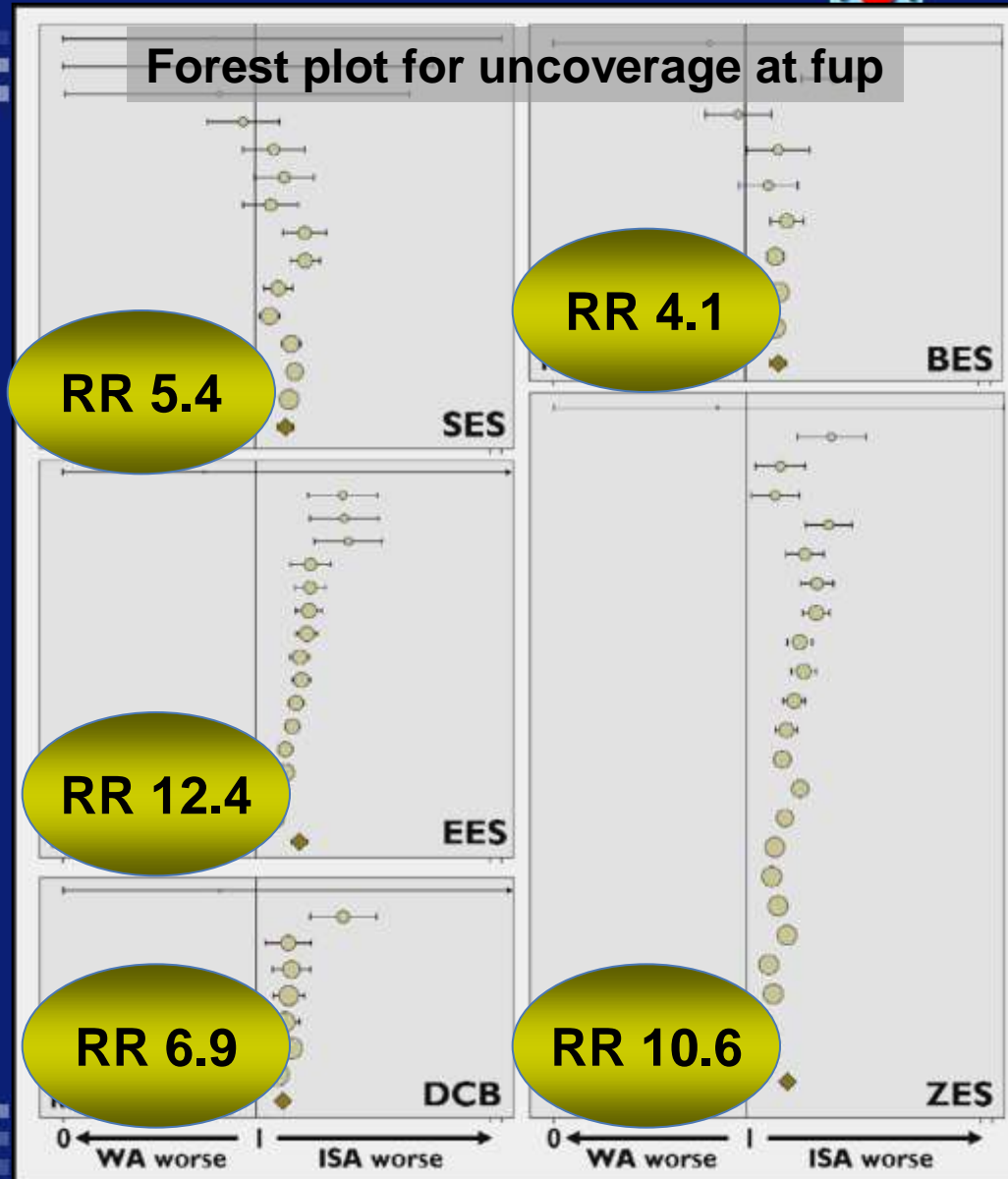
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Mechanisms of Stent Failure: Uncovered & Malapposed Struts

**Interaction:
Malapposed struts are
at increased risk for
uncoverage**

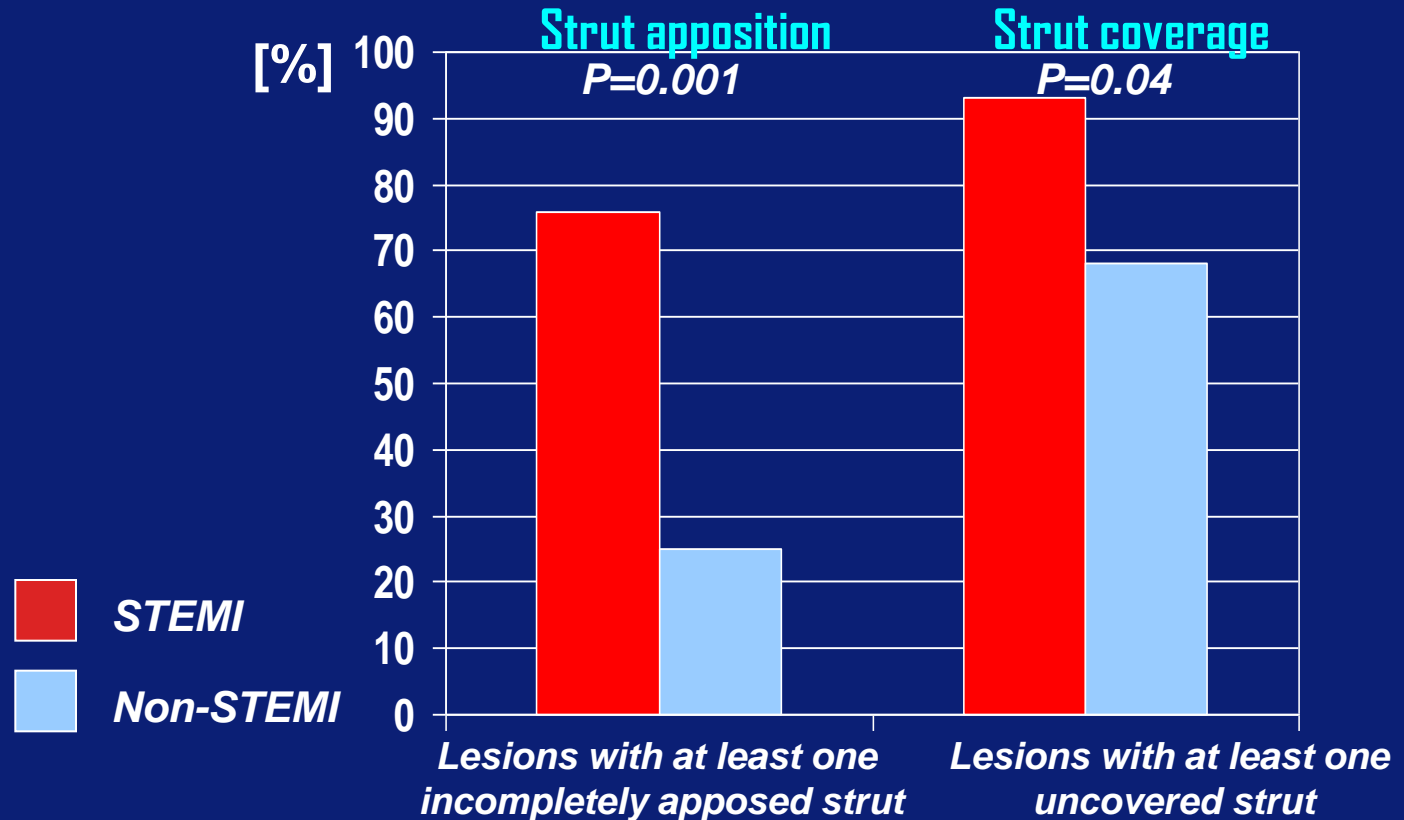


ISA: incomplete strut apposition
WA: well-apposed struts



Mechanisms of Stent Failure: Uncovered & Malapposed Struts

Higher incidence in patients treated for STEMI



Mechanisms of Stent Failure: Uncovered & Malapposed Struts



Higher incidence in pts with Late Stent Thrombosis!

Table 2. Optical Coherence Tomography Imaging Measurements

	ST	Control	
Cross-section level analysis			
Analyzed cross-sections/patient, n	27 ± 12	30 ± 13	0.47
Struts analyzed/cross-section, n	6.78 ± 1.22	6.74 ± 1.41	0.93
Frequency of cross-sections with uncovered struts, %	33.30 (11.82–53.00)	0.00 (0.00–7.80)	0.003
Frequency of cross-sections with >30% uncovered struts, %	21.59 (0.00–43.70)	0.00 (0.00–6.09)	0.002
Maximum length of segments with uncovered struts, mm	3.30 (1.35–4.13)	0.90 (0.00–1.55)	<0.001
Maximum length of segments with malapposed struts, mm	1.40 (0.68–1.93)	0.00 (0.00–0.00)	0.001
Maximum malapposition distance, mm	0.35 (0.00–0.75)	0.00 (0.00–0.62)	0.002
Area of malapposition, mm ²	1.02 (0.00–1.92)	0.00 (0.00–0.32)	0.002
Minimum stent area, mm ²	5.04 ± 1.23	5.50 ± 1.27	0.26
Mean stent area, mm ²	7.24 ± 0.97	7.69 ± 1.61	0.20
Mean neointimal area, mm ²	1.57 ± 0.68	1.68 ± 0.71	0.41
Uncovered struts/pts	12.2%	4.2%	0.001
Malapposed struts/pts	4.6%	1.8%	0.001
Number of malapposed struts/patient	10.00 (2.25–21.75)	4.00 (0.00–7.00)	0.02
Frequency of malapposed struts/patient, %	4.60 (1.85–7.19)	1.81 (0.00–2.99)	0.001
Neointimal thickness of covered struts, mm	0.23 ± 0.15	0.17 ± 0.09	0.28

Uncovered struts segment length

CLINICAL RESEARCH

Examination of the In Vivo Mechanisms of Late Drug-Eluting Stent Thrombosis

Findings From Optical Coherence Tomography and
Intravascular Ultrasound Imaging

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**Table 4. Exploratory Multivariable Logistic Regression Analysis of
Late Stent Thrombosis**

Variable	OR (95% CI)	p Value
Maximum length of segments with uncovered struts at OCT, mm	2.45 (1.27–4.73)	0.007
Remodeling index at IVUS*	1.05 (1.01–1.11)	0.019

Mechanisms of Stent Failure: Restenosis

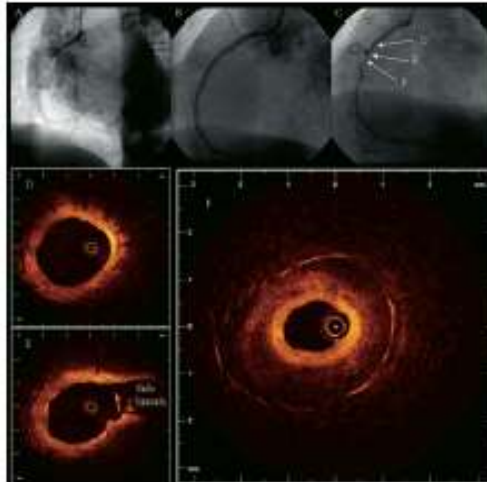
EuroIntervention

Paclitaxel-eluting stent restenosis shows three-layer appearance by optical coherence tomography

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A 73-year-old woman with hypertension, hyperlipidemia and positive familial history of coronary artery disease presented with Canadian Cardiovascular Society class III angina and underwent coronary angiography, which showed a chronic occluded right

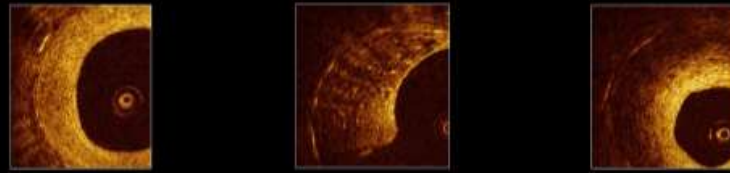
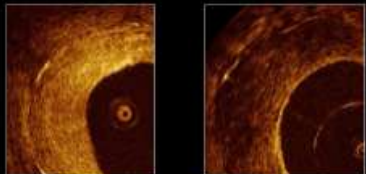
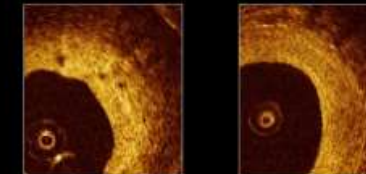
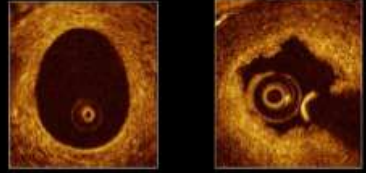
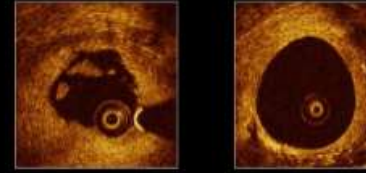


OCT: Lightlab/St.Jude

coronary artery (Panel A). The vessel was recanalized and treated with three paclitaxel-eluting stents (TAXUS®, Boston Scientific: 3.5 x 32 mm distally, 3.5 x 28 mm in the middle part, 3.5 x 12 mm proximally). Postintervention coronary angiography showed a good result (Panel B). Twelve-month follow-up angiography revealed focal in-stent restenosis (Panel C). Intracoronary optical coherence tomography (OCT: LightLabImaging™, Boston, MA, USA) pullback displayed well-expanded stents covered with a thin, homogenous, highly reflective neointimal layer (Panel D, E). In contrast, the narrowest lesion site (minimal lumen area 1.1 mm²; stent area 9.0 mm²) showed a three-layer appearance of the neointima (Panel F). The inner luminal layer appeared concentric, homogenous and signal-rich (maximal thickness 0.27 mm). A second layer consisting of a low-reflective area with poorly delineated borders followed. The third layer was in direct contact with the stent struts and revealed only minimal signal intensity. These signal-poor areas (maximal thickness 1.18 mm) might represent acellular fibrinoid deposition that has been well described in experimental studies. The patient was re-treated with repeat paclitaxel-eluting stent implantation. OCT is an analogue of intravascular ultrasound with an ultra-high resolution (10 µm) superior to any current available imaging modalities. This imaging device may be useful in visualizing neointimal growth in drug-eluting stents and improve our understanding of its underlying pathophysiology in the future.

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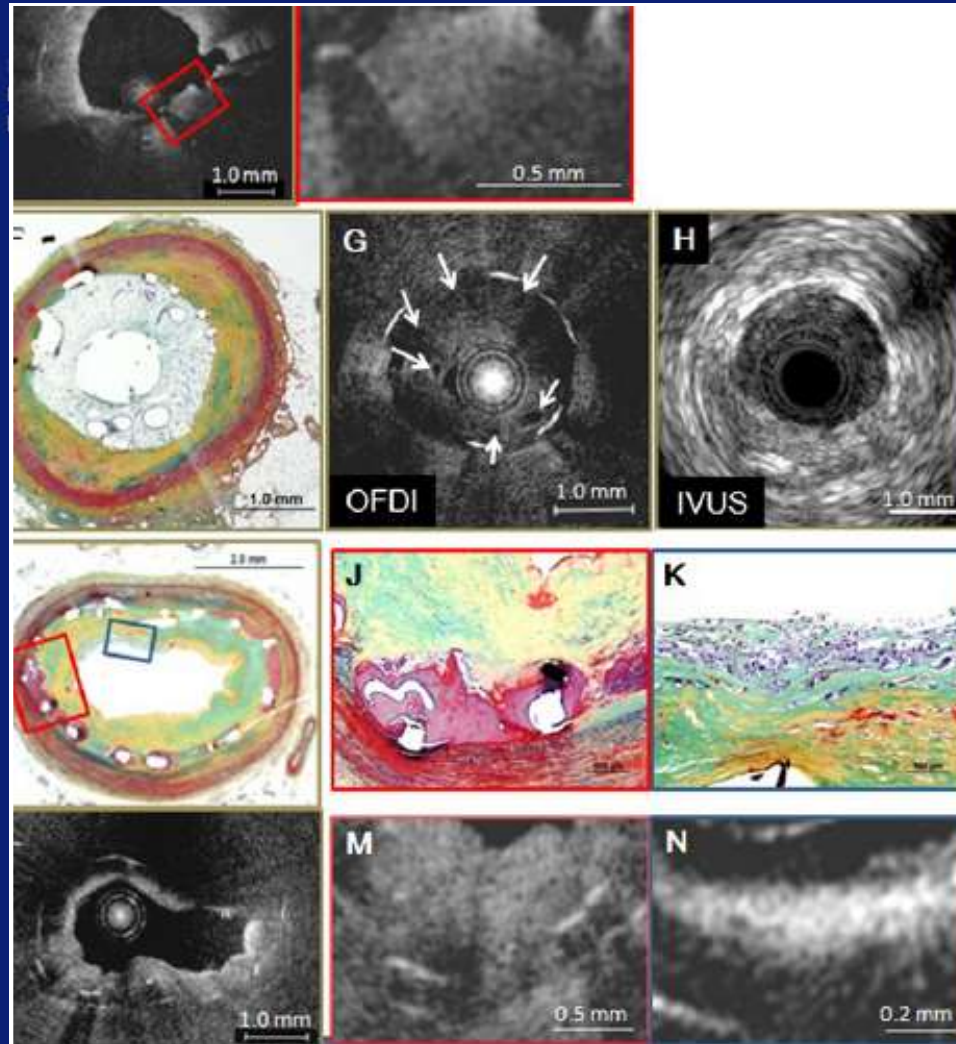
**In 2009:
 OCT
 analysis
 descriptive**

<p>Restenotic tissue structure</p>  <p>Homogeneous: restenotic tissue has uniform optical properties and does not show focal variations in backscattering pattern.</p> <p>Heterogeneous: restenotic tissue has locally changing optical properties and shows various backscattering patterns</p> <p>Layered: restenotic tissue consists of concentric layers with different optical properties: an adluminal high scattering layer and an abluminal low scattering layer</p>			
<p>Restenotic tissue backscatter</p>  <p>High: the majority of the tissue shows high backscatter and appears bright</p> <p>Low: the majority of the tissue shows low backscatter and appears dark or black</p>		<p>Microvessels visible</p>  <p>Yes: microvessels appear as well delineated low backscattering structures less than 200 micron in diameter that show a trajectory within the vessel</p> <p>No</p>	
<p>Lumen shape</p>  <p>Regular: lumen border is sharply delineated, smooth and circular</p> <p>Irregular: lumen border is irregular with tissue protrusions from the vessel wall into the lumen</p>		<p>Presence of intraluminal material</p>  <p>Yes: there is visible material inside the vessel lumen.</p> <p>No</p>	

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Mechanisms of Stent Failure: Restenosis

*In 2012:
OCT
validation
against
histology*



How Do OCT and IVUS Compare to Histology in Coronary Atherosclerosis and Stenting?

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REVIEW

Expert review document on methodology, terminology and clinical applications of optical coherence tomography for the assessment of coronary arteries

**In 2012:
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Consensus Standards for Acquisition, Measurement, and Reporting of Intravascular Optical Coherence Tomography Studies

A Report From the International Working Group for Intravascular Optical Coherence Tomography Standardization and Validation

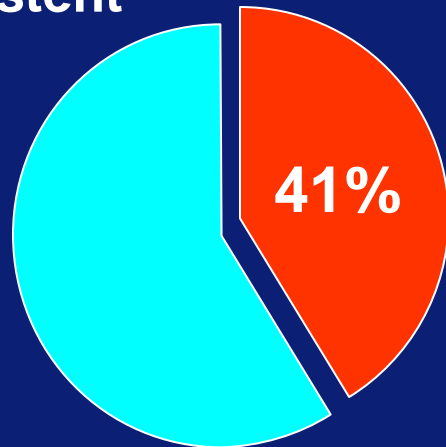
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Mechanisms of Stent Failure: Neoatherosclerosis

High incidence

Incidence of lipid laden plaque
inside the stent



Development of lipid-rich plaque inside bare metal stent: possible mechanism of late stent thrombosis?
An optical coherence tomography study

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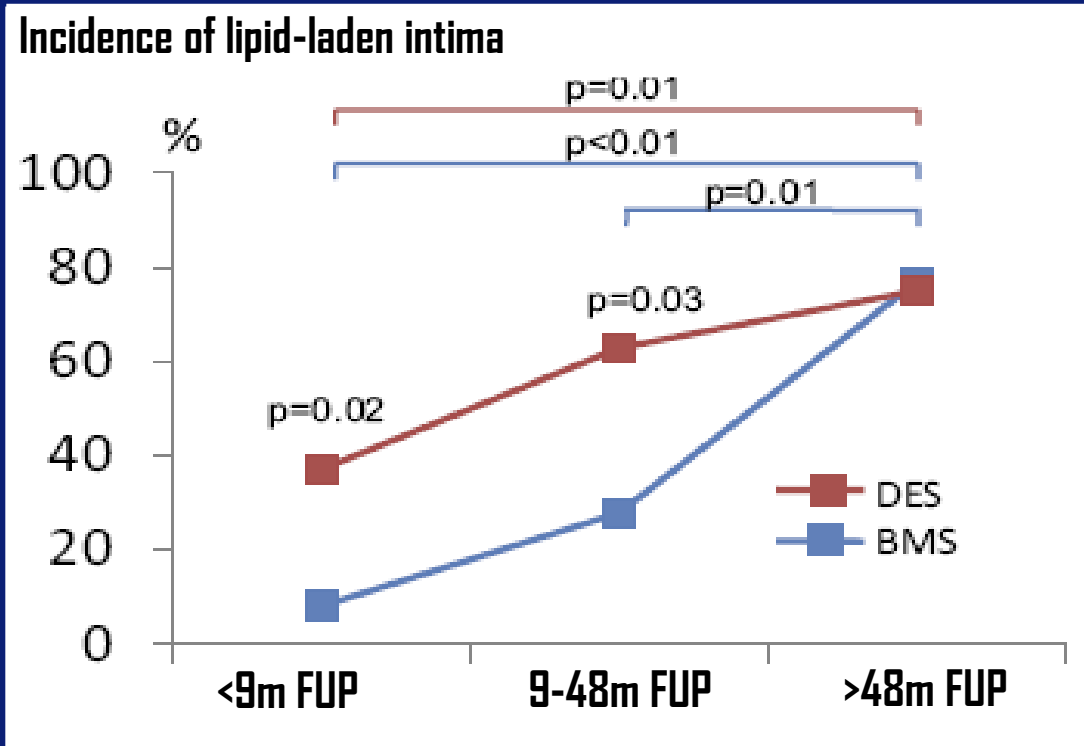
N= 39 pts

with recurrent ischemia

FUP 6.5±1.3 years after BMS

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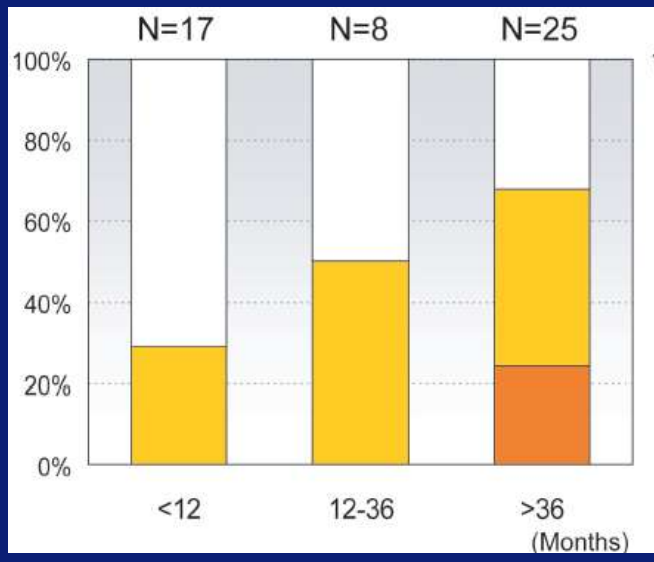
High incidence Earlier onset in DES than in BMS



MGH OCT multicenter registry
N=124 pts with
neointimal thickness $>100\mu\text{m}$
in 3 consecutive cross sections

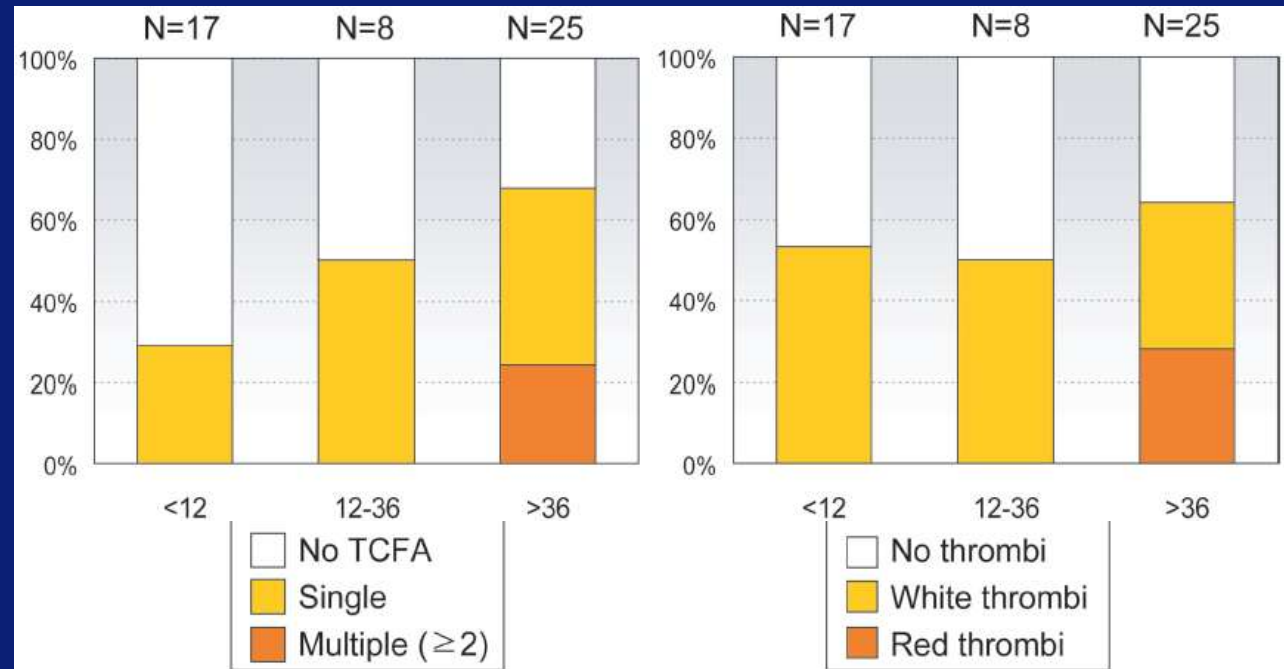
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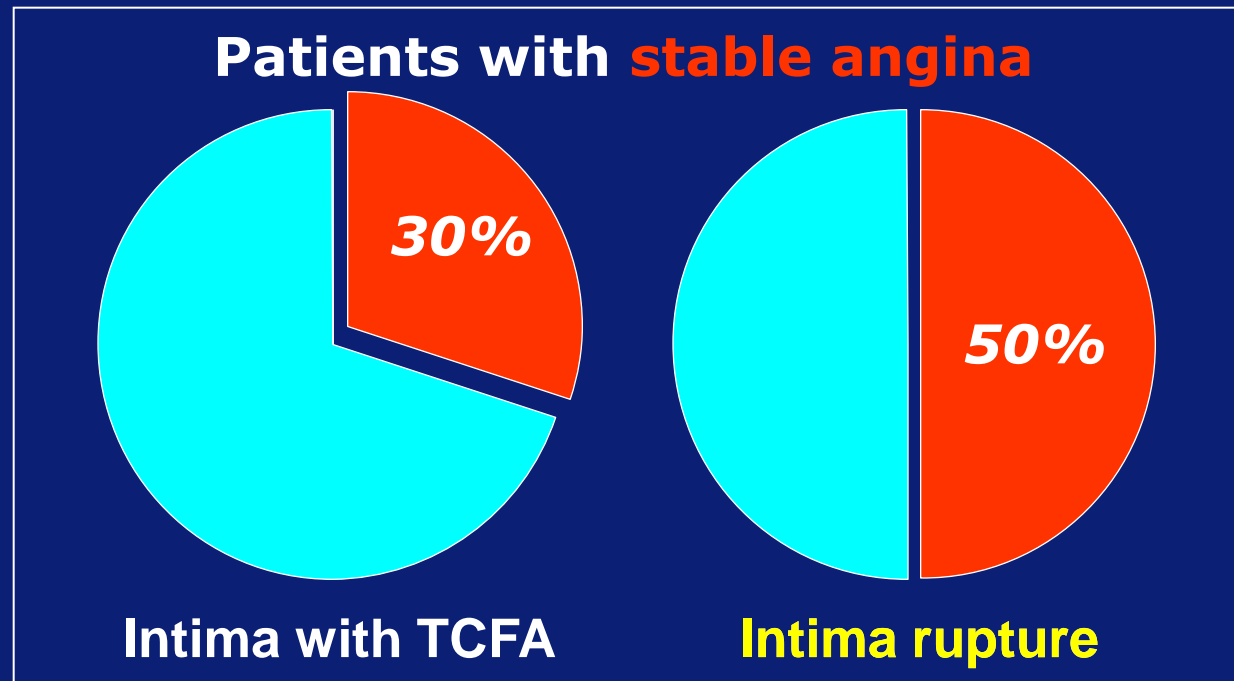
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Increased TCFA & Thrombi over time



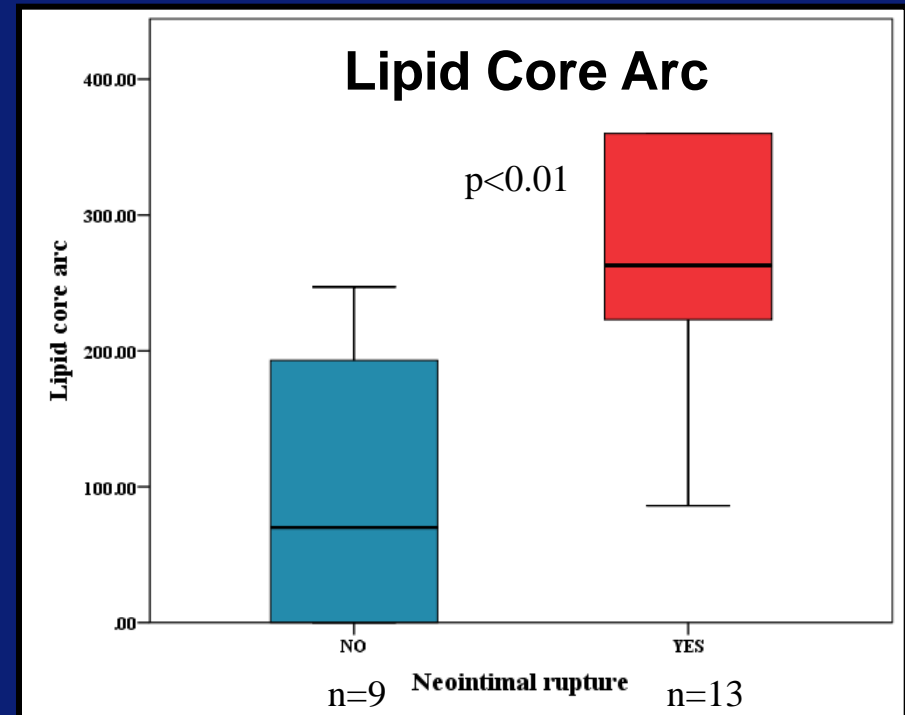
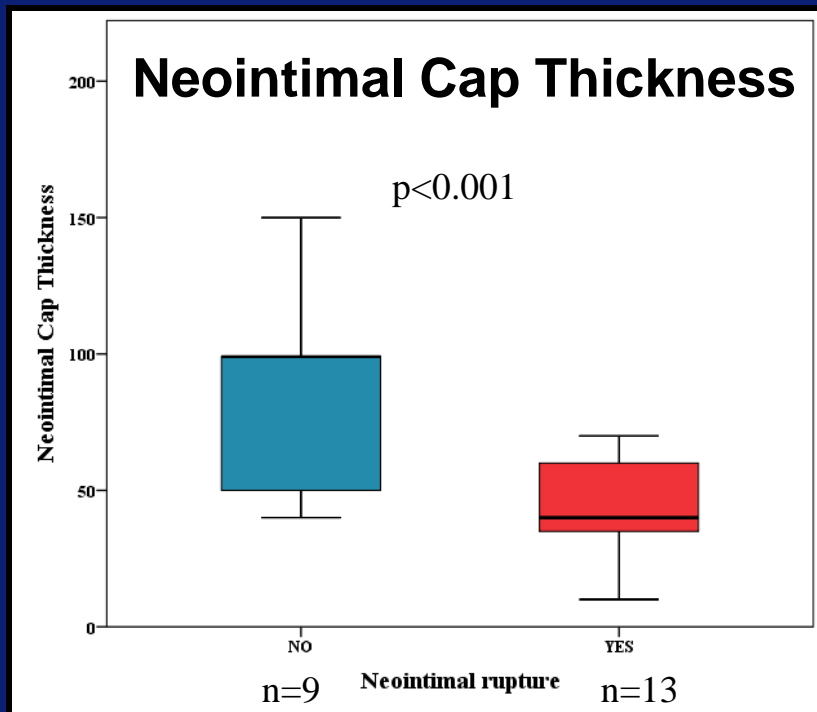
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**Increased TCFA & Thrombi over time
Irrespective of clinical presentation**



Mechanisms of Stent Failure: Neoatherosclerosis

Stents with **neointimal rupture**
lower fibrous cap thickness & higher lipid content



N=29 pts with very late stent thrombosis

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The link between restenosis & late stent thrombosis?

Restenosis

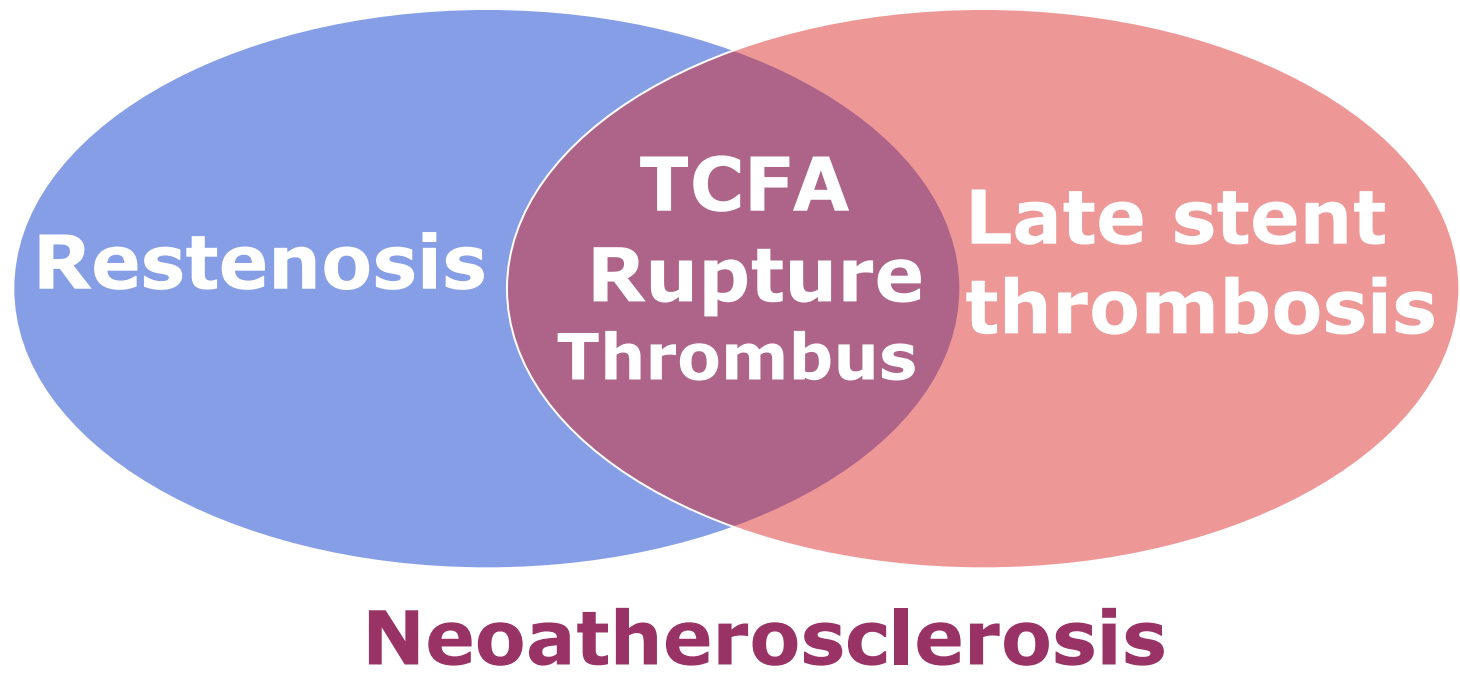
stable angina, “benign”

**Late stent
thrombosis**

ACS, “life-threatening”

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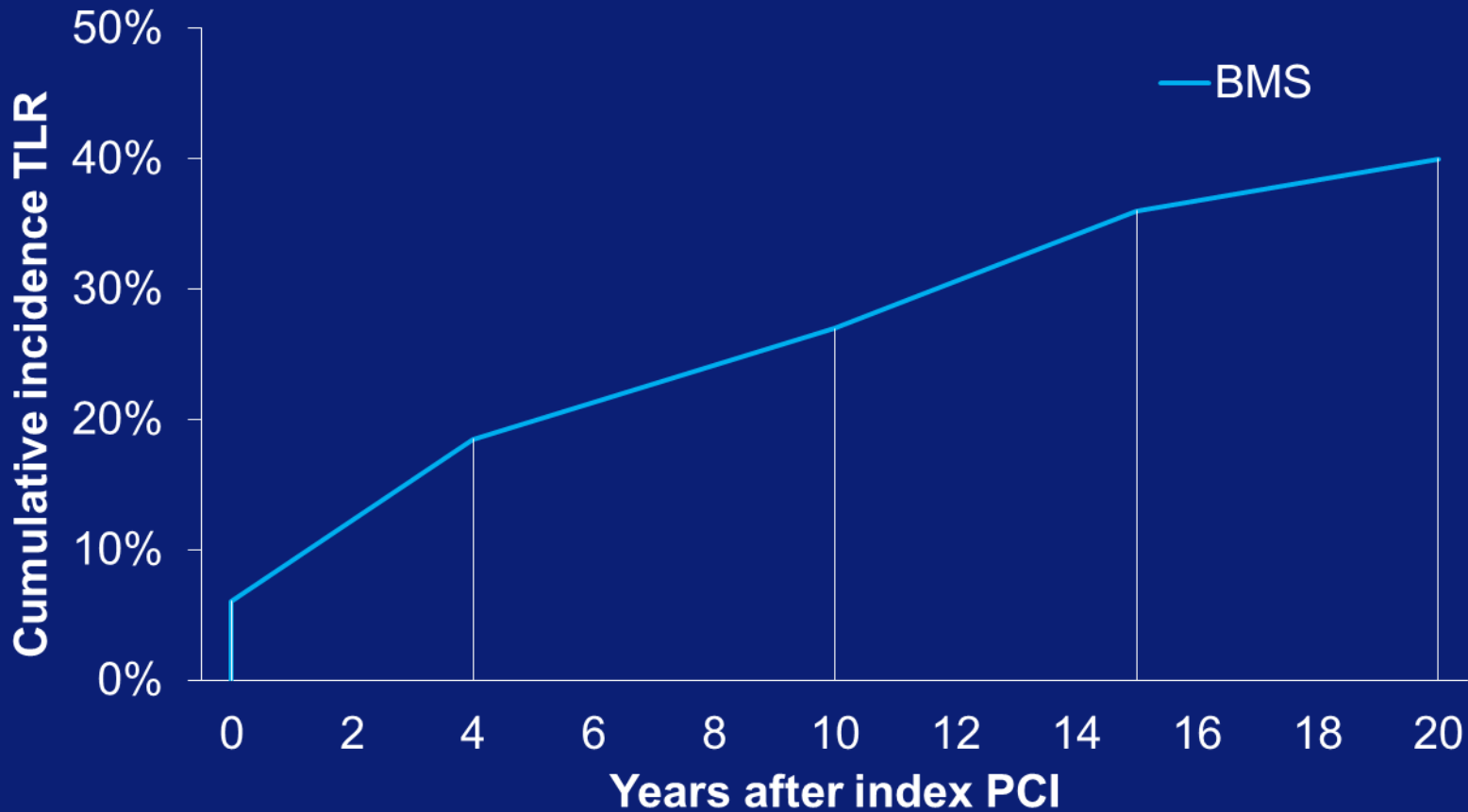
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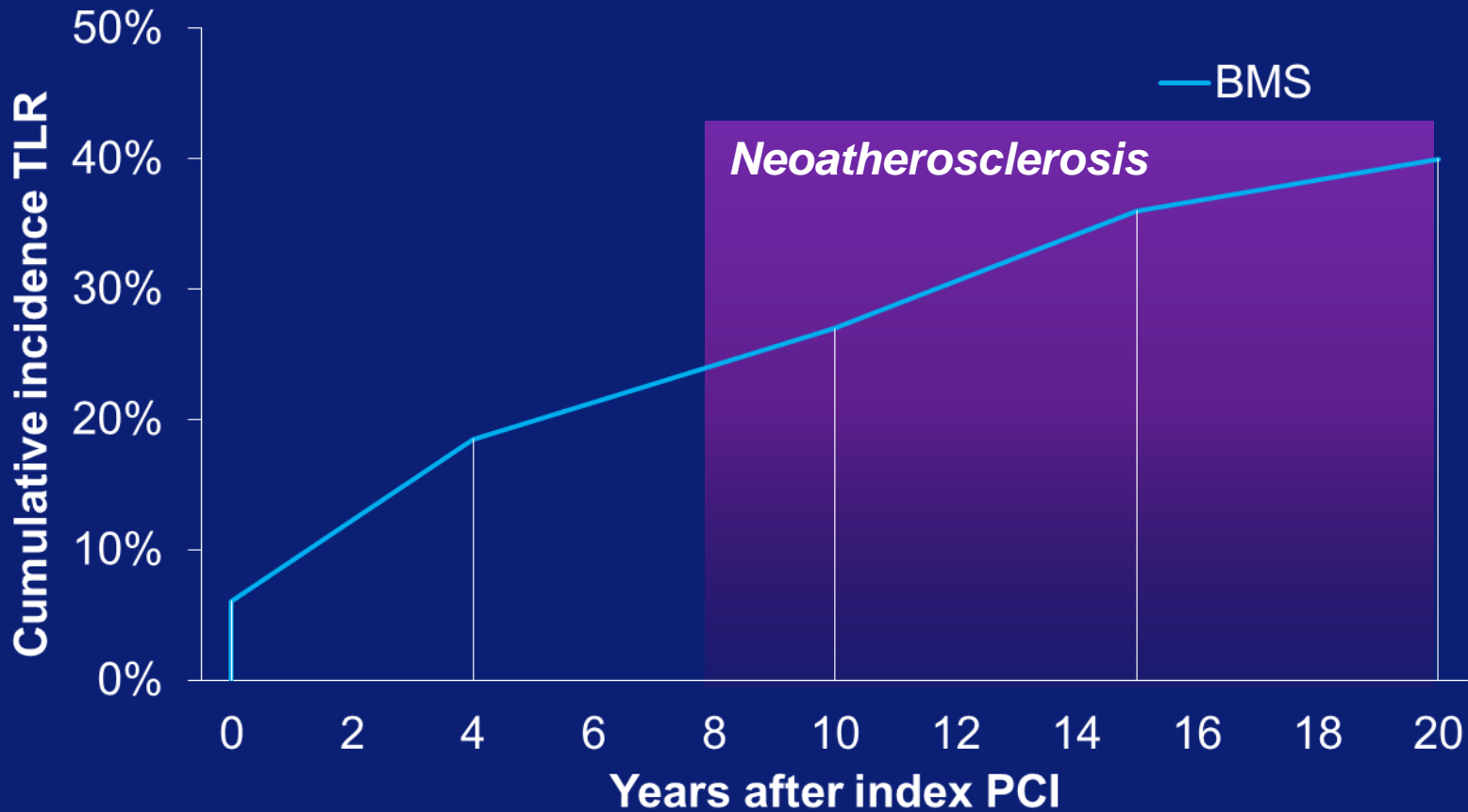
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What's about timing?

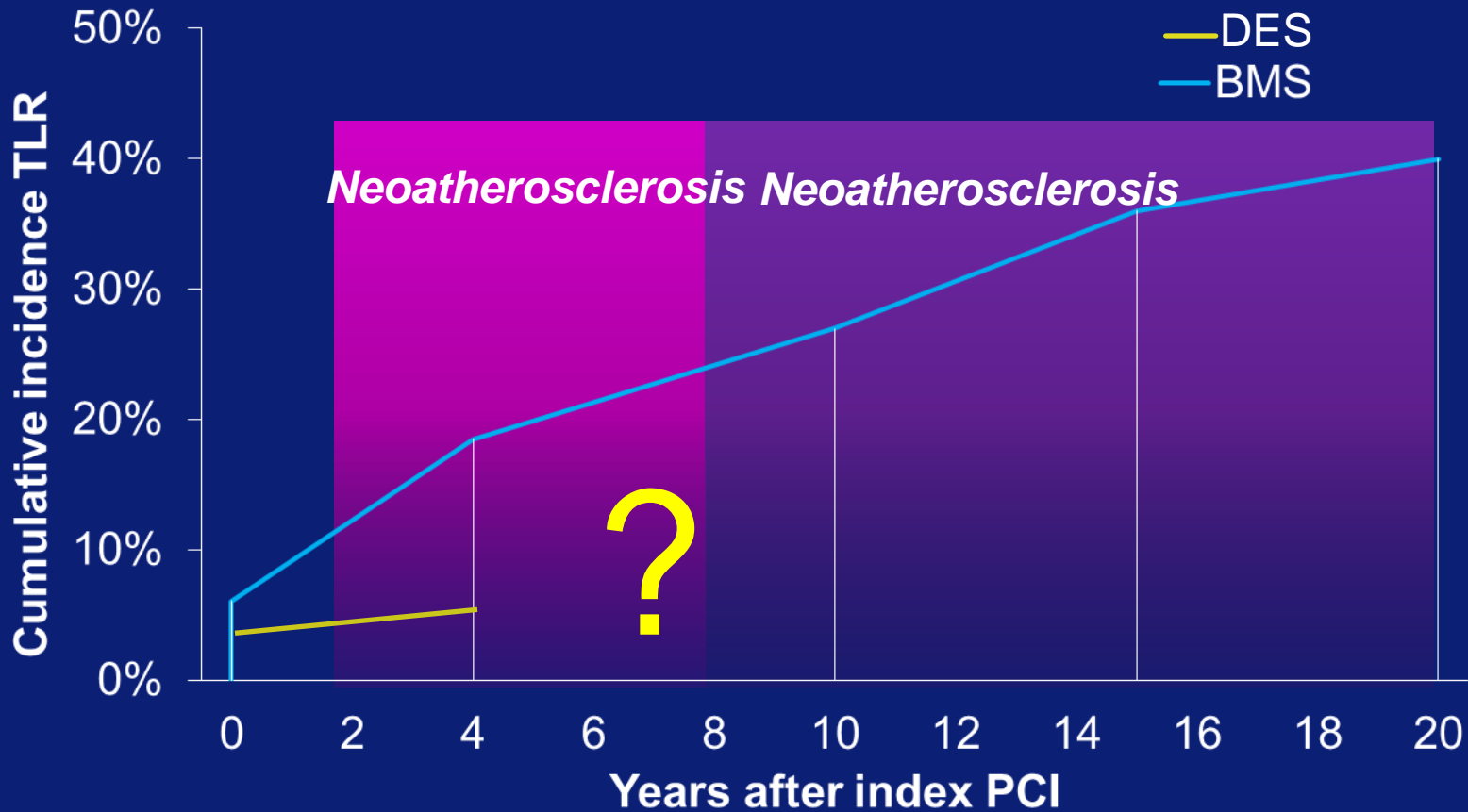
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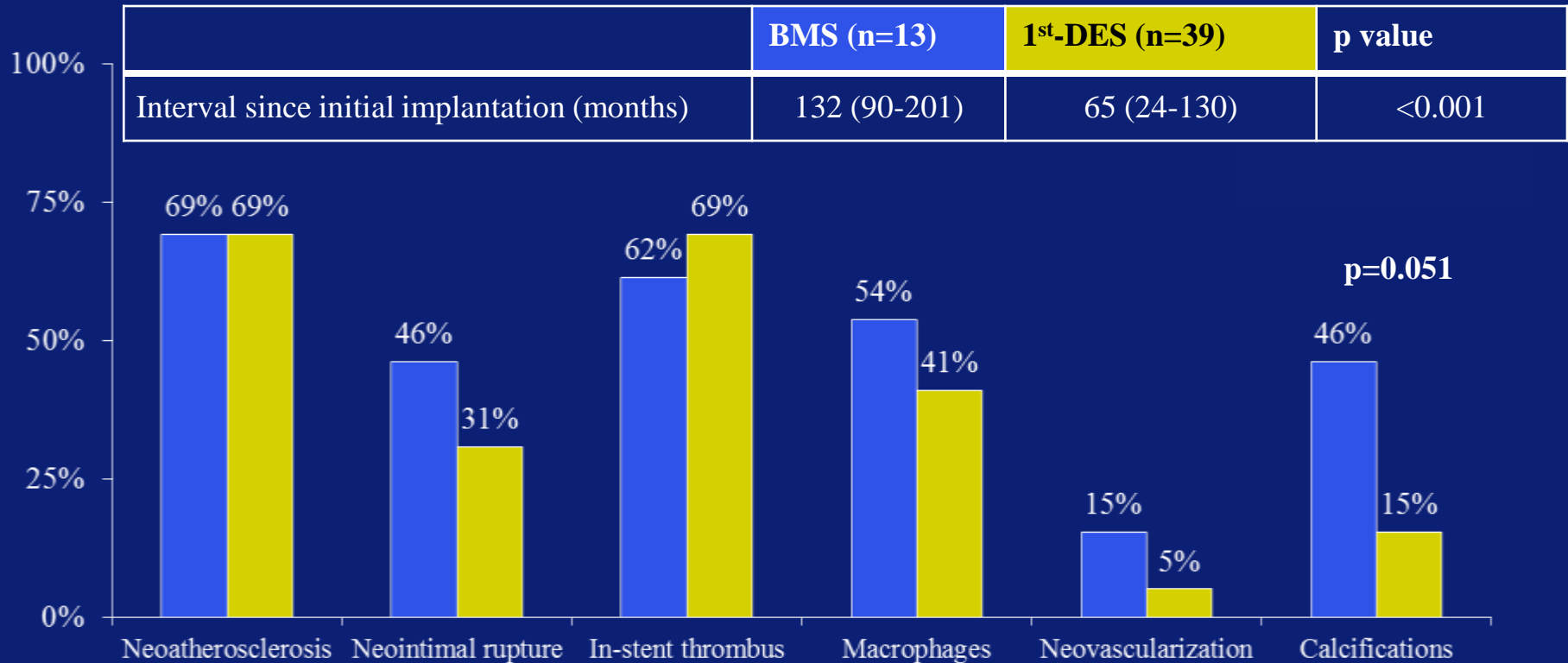
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Differences BMS vs DES 1st gen

Neoatherosclerosis in DES develops earlier with lower prevalence of calcifications





Mechanisms and Predictors of Stent Thrombosis and Restenosis: Insights from OCT

Stent thrombosis and restenosis

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Angiography fails to accurately visualize stent failure !

VLST:

Neoatherosclerosis & Rupture

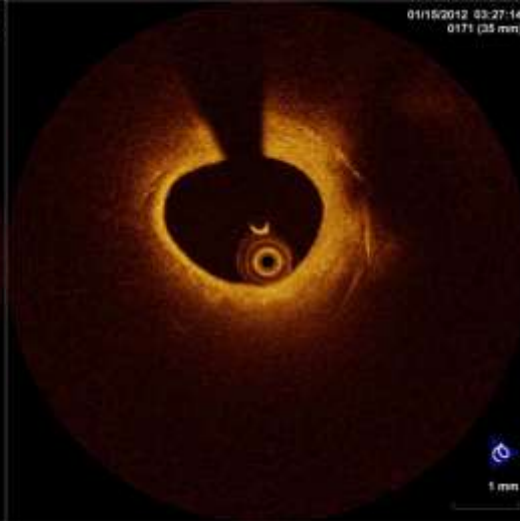
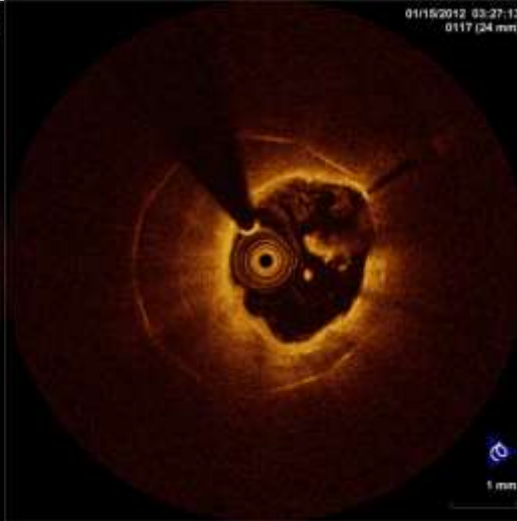
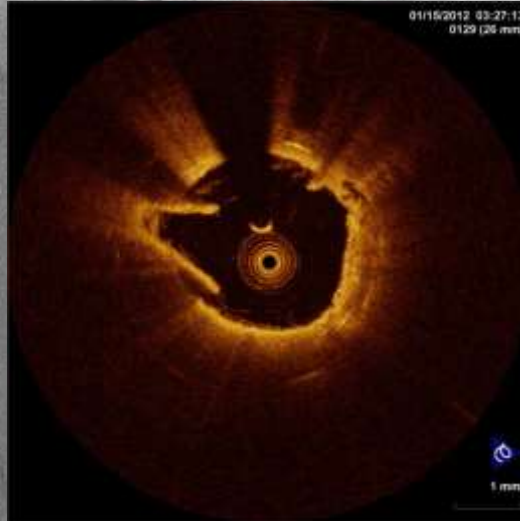
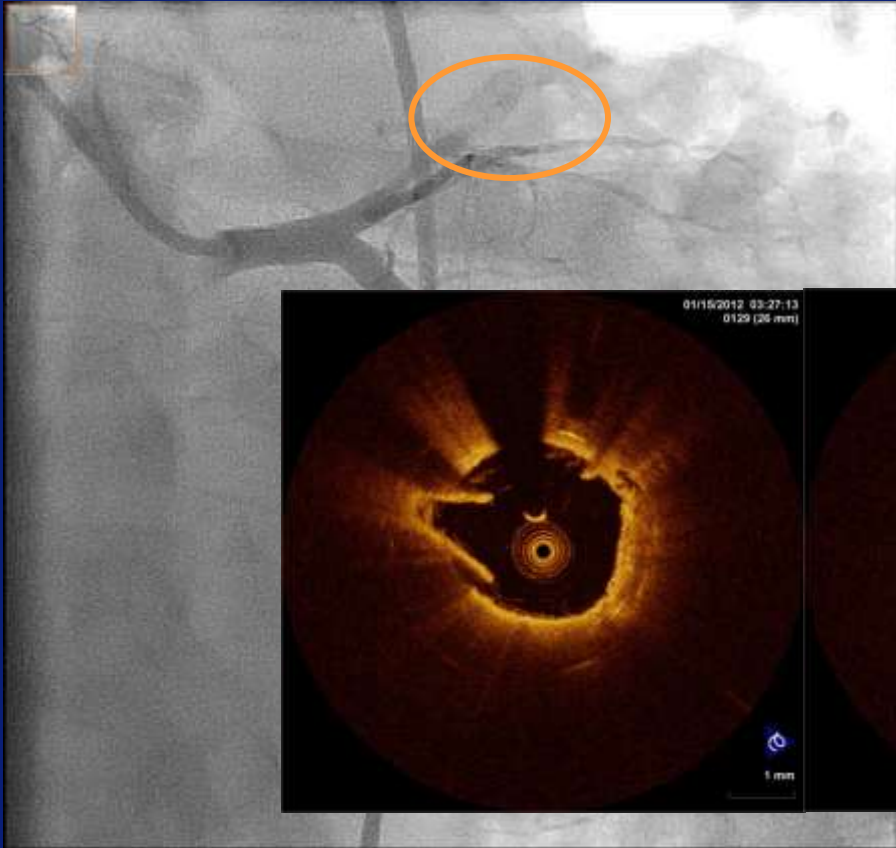
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VLST: Mechanical Stent Problem

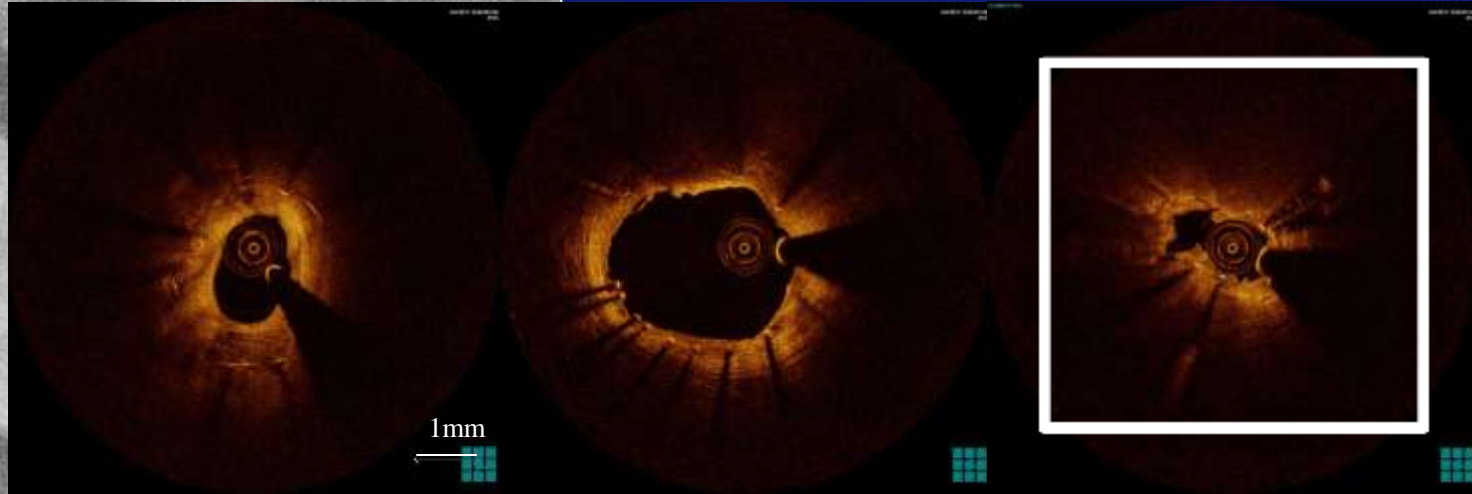
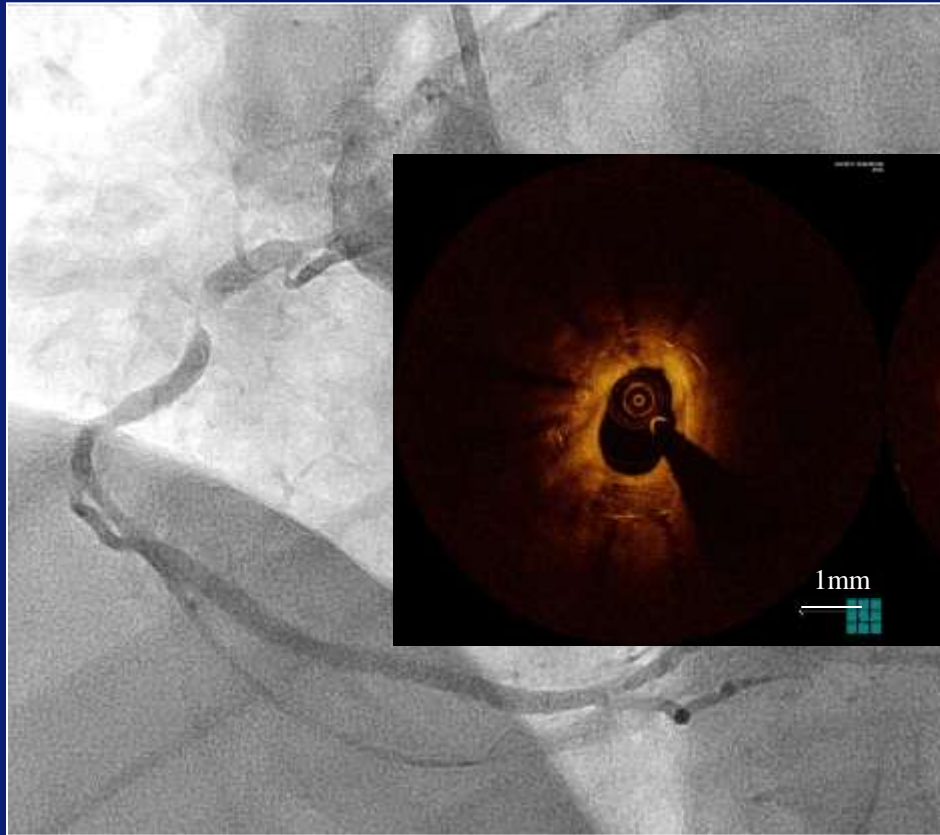
79 year old woman resuscitated after cardiac arrest. 2008 EES implantation. Pos. family history for CAD.

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